that the escalation factor applicable was 0.1 per cent. and advised the Cost Accounts Branch to verify the wage escalation claims on the basis of the wage escalation factor of 0.1 per cent.

In this connection, Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1829 answered on 02-08-91 by the Ministry of Railways is also appended. (See Annexure below).

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Hike in the rate of escalation

1829. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the rate of escalation at the rate of point zero one present to be paid to M/s Bharat Electric and Steel Company Limited and M/s. Hindustan Development Corporation for manufacturing of CMS crossings (as agreed to in theif agreement with Railway Board) has been raised to much higher per cent.

(b) if so, what was the enhanced rate and the extra amount invested in its payment; and

(c) the reasons for making payment at the enhanced rate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The Agreement provides for rate of escalation of 0.1 per cent which has not been raised.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Seniority list of Deputy Director (Cost) in Indian Cost Accounts Serivce

4292. DR. FAGUNI RAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) when the provision for direct recruitment for the post of Deputy Director (Cost) in the Indian Cost and Accounts Service was made;

(b) what is the number of times direct recruitment has been done and whether it will be continued in future also;

(c) whether any seniority list of Deputy Director (Cost) has been drawn after such direct recruitment; and

(d) if so, what are the names and ranking of various officers in the seniority list as on date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) The provision for direct recruitment to the post of Deputy Director (Cost) in the Indian Cost Accounts Service was made in 1987.

(b) Direct recruitment has been made once and is proposed to be continued.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Proposal to wind up Economic Intelligence Bureau

4293. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal under Government's consideration to wind up the Economic Intelligence Bureau; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and also the expenditure incurred on it, annually?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) There is no proposal under consideration to wind up the Central Economic Intelligence Bureau.